

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 012-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: January 18, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: LEO FOUNDATION AWARDS

This Letter to the Commission is to provide information on the nomination of several members of the Miami Beach Police Department for awards from the LEO Foundation.

Sgt. Rick Clements was nominated in the Crime Prevention / Community Policing award category. Sgt. Clements has applied progressive techniques in bringing the Police Department to the people of Miami Beach and creating an environment of evolving partnerships. His efforts have included a large scale graffiti investigation, assisting with Homeless Outreach, coordinating community outreach during Memorial Day, modernizing communications with a sophisticated email system for crime watch/home owners groups, and training on crime prevention techniques for hoteliers.

Officer Kevin Graham was the Dade Chief's Officer of the Month for January 2004 for his extensive investigation and search of the boardwalk area leading to the apprehension and positive identification of a subject featured on America's Most Wanted. This felon had open warrants for Homicide Arson, Robbery with a Gun, and Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Detective Luis King was the Dade Chief's Officer of the Month for October 2004 for his efforts in apprehending an attempted homicide subject who had just fled the scene of a shooting. Detective King was in the area finishing an off-duty job when the BOLO went out. Detective King immediately responded to the area and a foot chase ensued. During the one block foot chase, the subject produced a large firearm and proceeded to point it at Detective King. Detective King shot at the subject three times causing the subject to drop the firearm. The subject's discarded Glock pistol was recovered and the subject was apprehended.

Please join me in congratulating these extraordinary individuals for their hard work and dedication to both the Miami Beach Police Department and the City of Miami Beach.

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